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SUBJ: ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SUMMARY: ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED \$49,000 TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT TO GOVT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR THE FORMU-
LATION OF A FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, TO BE FINANCED
UNDER EXISTING COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.N.
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION.

1. ADB DOC. R63-77 DESCRIBING SUBJECT TA GRANT POUCHED
ADDRESSEES JUNE 29.

2. PAUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) HAS ABUNDANT MARINE AND INLAND
FISHERIES RESOURCES WITH CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOP-
MENT. CURRENT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY CENTERS ON SKIPJACK (ABOUT
40,000 TONS ANNUALLY) AND SHRIMP (500 TONS), NEARLY ALL
EXPORTED TO JAPAN. REMAINDER OF FISHERY IS OF ARTISANAL
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NATURE, CONSISTING MAINLY OF REEF FISHING IN MAINLAND
COASTAL AREAS AND OFF-SHORE ISLANDS; TILAPIA IN SEPIK
RIVER; AND PEARL CULTURE IN MILNE BAY. WHILE THESE
SECTORS ALL HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS, SKIPJACK FISHERY HOLDS
ALSO BELIEVED SCOPE FOR FUTURE MAJOR EXPANSION IN CATCH
OF YELLOW-FIN TUNA. BANK WILL BE PROVIDING INITIAL
ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF TILAPIA PRODUCTION IN SEPIK

RIVER UNDER EAST SEPIK RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
APPROVED IN DEC 1976 (LOAN NO. 290-PNG (SF)).

3. ON DEMAND SIDE, FRESH FISH CONSUMPTION WITHIN PNG IS LIMITED TO COASTAL TOWNS WHERE MARKETS EXIST, AND TO VILLAGERS IN MARITIME OR RIVERINE AREAS WHO CAN CATCH OWN FISH. DOMESTIC MARKET IS THEREFORE LARGELY UNTAPPED. AT SAME TIME, EXPORT PROSPECTS FOR SKIPJACK ARE LIKELY REMAIN FAVORABLE, GIVEN VIRTUALLY FULL EXPLOITATION OF WORLD TUNA STOCKS.

4. PNG GOVT REQUESTED BANK ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY'S FISHERY SECTOR IN APRIL 1976. IN RESPONSE, BANK MISSION CONSULTED IN LATE 1976 - EARLY 1977 WITH FAO INVESTMENT CENTER STAFF, WHICH HAD PRODUCED AN IDENTIFICATION REPORT ON PNG FISHERIES. LATTER OUTLINED A MULTI-FACETED FISHERIES PROJECT INVOLVING BOTH COMMERCIAL AND ARTISANAL DEVELOPMENT. BANK FAC-FINDING MISSION, VISITING PNG IN MARCH 1977, CONCLUDED THAT WHILE FAO PROJECT WAS PRIMA FACIE FEASIBLE, PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO APPRAISAL. AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER INVESTIGATION INCLUDE NUMBER AND SIZE OF SKIPJACK VESSELS TO BE PROVIDED, LOCATIONS AND SHOREBASE FACILITIES, AND PRECISE SCOPE OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND PEARL CULTURE COMPONENTS, AS WELL AS DETAILED FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF
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PROJECT COMPONENTS.

5. PURPOSE OF PROJECT TO BE FORMULATED UNDER TA IS TO PROMOTE EXPANDED FISH AND PEARL PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO GENERATE INCREASED INCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT IN FISHERIES SECTOR, INCREASE SUPPLY OF FISH FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, AND INCREASE EXPORTS. MAIN PROJECT COMPONENTS WOULD BE SHORE FACILITIES FOR SKIPJACK FLEETS, POLE AND LINE FISHING BOATS, FISH COLLECTION FACILITIES FOR ARTISANAL SECTOR, PEARL CULTURE EXPANSION AND CONSULTING SERVICES. ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT, TO WHICH BANK NOT COMMITTED AT THIS POINT, IS \$15 MILLION OF WHICH \$10 MILLION FOREX.

6. UNDER TA, EXPERTS WILL EXAMINE FUNDINGS FOR AFOREMENTIONED FAO REPORT AND REVIEW OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION NEEDED TO FORMULATE AN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE PROJECT. CONSULTANT TEAM WILL COMPRISE SIX EXPERTS FROM FAO, FOR TOTAL 13 MAN-MONTHS, WITH FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS: TEAM LEADER/FISHERIES SPECIALIST (3 MAN-MONTHS), MASTER FISHERMAN/FISHING TECHNOLOGIST (2); FISHING PORT ENGINEER (1.5); FISHERIES ECONOMIST (2); PROCESSING SPECIALIST (1.5); AND PEARL CULTURE SPECIALIST (3).

3. TOTAL COST OF TA ESTIMATED AT \$102,000 OF WHICH \$92,000 FOREX. UNDER COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN BANK AND FAO AGREED TO UNDER JUNE 1968 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (DOC R11-68), FAO WILL FINANCE \$43,000 OF TOTAL, BANK \$49,000. GOVT WILL FINANCE LOCAL COSTS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

8. IN VIEW OF ITS PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT, FAO WILL BE EXECUTING AGENCY FOR TA. FISHERIES DIVISION OF DEPT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY OF PNG WILL COORDINATE AND LIAISE OVERALL ACTIVITIES OF FAO CONSULTANT TEAM PERTINENT TO TA.

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9. ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED SUBJECT TA UNDER PROVISIONS OF PARA. 17 OF DOC R51-77 DATED MAY 20, 1977 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS), ACCORDING TO WHICH TA PROJECTS IN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 NEED NOT BE SUBMITTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL.
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